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DEPT PASS OPIC FOR BONNY HENDERSON

E.O. 11652: NA TAGS: EFIN, CM

SUBJ: WESTERN CORN MILL PROJECT

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 159, (B) STATE 006731

- 1. ECON OFFICER HOLZMAN MET WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR SNI TCHETGEN TO PASS HIM YOUR MESSAGE RECEIVED REF B. TCHETGEN IN TURN GAVE HOLZMAN COPY HIS MESSAGE OF JAN 9 TO ROGERS OF A&B (REF A). HIS MESSAGE AND COMMENTS INDICATED HE OBVIOUSLY AWARE A&B MANAGEMENT CHANGES.
- 2. TCHETGEN REQUESTED THAT YOU OR OTHER OPIC OFFICER ATTEND SIGNING PROTOCOL OF ACCORD IN YAOUNDE AND INCORPORATION MAISERIE DE L'OUEST AND FIRST BOARD MEETING IN FOUMBAN. TCHETGEN ALSO REQUESTED THAT YOU EXTEND SAME INVITATION TO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES IFC. AS STATED REF A, CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE JAN 30 AND 31. TCHETGEN NOTED THAT THESE DATES WERE FIRST PROPOSED BY ROGERS OF A&B.
- 3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR TCHETGEN IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT STATUS OF WESTERN CORN MILL PROJECT. HE CLAIMS THAT SNI HAS ALREADY SPENT \$200,000 OF ITS OWN MONEY ON PROJECT. IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS WITHIN A&B, HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE ALL PARTIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTED ON PAPER. END COMMENT.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT OPIC ALSO SUPPORT END JANUARY SIGNING AND THAT IF T ALL POSSIBLE YOU AND/OR HIGHER OPIC

OFFICIAL ATTEND.

5. IN VIEW OF SNI NERVOUSNESS AND EXPERIENCES WITH RICE PROJECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT UP-TO-DATE ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ORDER WE MAY SO INFORM TCHETGEN AND NOT THE CONVERSE.

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